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The Russian Government now requires that all vessels bound for Siberian ports shall undergo an inspection at Vladivostock before proceeding to their destination.

The sanitary condition of both Yokohama and Kobe is at present excellent.

I am, sir, very respectfully your obedient servant,

STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

Report of infectious disease in Japan from June 16 to June 26, 1898.

Locality.	Plague.		Cholera.		Dysentery.		Smallpox.	
	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.
Kioto Fu.....								
Osaka Fu.....							1	
Tokyo Fu.....					9		6	
Aichi Ken.....					11	2		
Akita Ken.....								
Awamori Ken.....					2	1	28	9
Chiba Ken.....								
Fukui Ken.....								
Fukuoka Ken.....					3	1		
Fukushima Ken.....								
Gifu Ken.....					17	2		
Gumma Ken.....					12	3		
Hioogo Ken.....					3	2		
Hiroshima Ken.....					11	2		
Ibaraki Ken.....					2			
Ishikawa Ken.....					1			
Iwate Ken.....					1			
Kagawa Ken.....					4	1		
Kagoshima Ken.....					3	3		
Kanagawa Ken.....			1		32	2		
Kochi Ken.....					1			
Kumamoto Ken.....					25	2		
Miyagi Ken.....							1	1
Miyazaki Ken.....					24	3	1	
Miye Ken.....					1			
Nagano Ken.....					2			
Nagasaki Ken.....								
Nara Ken.....								
Niigata Ken.....					3	1	1	
Oita Ken.....					2			
Okayama Ken.....					1			
Okinawa Ken.....								
Saga Ken.....								
Saitama Ken.....					3	1		
Shidzuoka Ken.....					52	11		
Shiga Ken.....							1	
Shimane Ken.....					1			
Tochigi Ken.....					2			
Tokushima Ken.....								
Tottori Ken.....					1	1		
Toyama Ken.....								
Wakayama Ken.....					8	2		
Yamagata Ken.....								
Yamaguchi Ken.....					3			
Yamanashi Ken.....					139	22		
Yehime Ken.....					7			
The Hokkaido.....							8	
Taiwan (Formosa).....	120	58						
Total.....	120	58	1		386	62	47	10

Report of inspection of vessels at Yokohama.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, July 7, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to report that, during the half year ended June 30 last, I have officially inspected 69 vessels bound for ports of the United States, or an average of one every two and one-half days.

Of these ships, 12 were under the United States flag, 37 were British,

9 Japanese, 4 German, 4 Norwegian, 2 Hawaiian, and 1 Danish; with crews aggregating 4,790.

Thirty-nine steamers carried steerage passengers, concerning whom I inclose a detailed statement, to the number of 11,186, as against 6,938 during the immediately preceding half year, and 9,429 in the corresponding period of 1897, showing a decided increase in the amount of steerage travel through and from this port.

The number of steerage passengers, added to that of the crews of all vessels inspected, gives a total of 16,076 persons individually examined during the six months.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

VENEZUELA.

Termination of smallpox epidemic at Puerto Cabello.

PUERTO CABELLO, July 1, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that this port, after being closed since March 25, 1898, has again been opened for pratique by the government of the country, the news of same arriving to-day, as smallpox has disappeared.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

WM. H. VOLKMAR,
Vice-Consul.

ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

BAHAMAS—*Governors Harbor*.—Two weeks ended July 2, 1898. Estimated population, 1,500. No deaths.

Green Turtle Cay—Abaco.—Two weeks ended June 30, 1898. Estimated population, 3,900. No deaths.

Nassau.—Two weeks ended July 5, 1898. Estimated population, 11,000. Number of deaths not reported. No deaths from contagious disease.

COLOMBIA—*Carthagera*.—Month of June, 1898. Estimated population, 25,000. Total number of deaths, 56, including 1 from yellow fever.

FRANCE—*Roubaix*.—Month of June, 1898. Estimated population, 125,280. Total number of deaths, 130, including enteric fever 1, and measles, 2.

GREAT BRITAIN—*England and Wales*.—The deaths registered in 33 great towns in England and Wales during the week ended July 9 correspond to an annual rate of 14.7 a thousand of the aggregate population, which is estimated at 11,218,378. The highest rate was recorded in Sunderland, viz, 21.4, and the lowest in Cardiff, viz, 9.4.

London.—One thousand two hundred and thirty-two deaths were registered during the week, including measles, 28; scarlet fever, 8; diphtheria, 27; whooping cough, 41; enteric fever, 7, and diarrhea and dysentery, 25. The deaths from all causes correspond to an annual rate of 14.2 a thousand. In greater London 1,652 deaths were regis-